VIRGINIA WAR HISTORY COMMISSION WANTS COMPLETE DATA ON RECORDS OF HER SOLDIERS IN LATE CONFLICT

Only Few Links Missing Chain of Perfected Story Enacted on Foreign Fields.

RICHMOND HAS EXCELLENT REPRESENTATION IN FILES

Other Cities and Counties of Old Dominion Have Shown Prompt Response.

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This thirty-two page pumphlet will oon be followed by the second re as many items

pamphict giving titles brief outlines of specia zations and of diaries and contribu-

6,000 service records of Vir

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colored citizens, abou is receiving many return the Woman's Clubs, of th

Lynchburg 58, Charlottes

d determined campaign maintained

quietists should have a change of heart and join the patriotic band of red-blooded men and women that are bent on achieving this service for

Among the contributions of special value that are being calendared for the third supplement of source material in the Virginia war archive several have a news interest as scholarly and stirring narratives in addipermanent value as archival material

Christian Church, Disciples, of Norfolk, covers sixty-eight pages and is a model that may well be followed by other churches throughout the

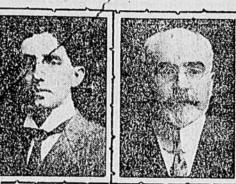
Laughton, of the Three Hundred and Nineteenth Infantry, now of Laurel Street Methodist Church, contributes dozen pages of intense human inter est, under the title "The Cross in the His experiences range and his topics range from bombing raids to religion in action, conclud-ing with "The Soldier's If," one of the best bits of verse in the archives.

Another story of personal experbution of Captain Melville B. Oakhan of the Three Hundred and Twentiell Infantry, giving interesting side lights on the battles of the Mens of Cunel and of the Argonne-le-Mans with battle orders, commendation

The diary of Captain Lucien F Cocke, Jr., of Roanoke, covering about 125 pages, is the most valuable ye eccived from a Virginia soldier. covers the period from April 1916 On one page he sends his pay for work at Pepper Tunnel to the Mc-Connell memorial fund of the Uni-

Captain Prank E. Varney gives never before made such a collection rty-six pages of the ilistory of the of first-hand material touching a war half a One Hundred and Seventeenth Trains, period.

THESE ARE MEN WHO ARE DIRECTING COLLECTION OF OLD DOMINION RECORDS











Concluded From Last Sunday)

even that didn't bring the slightest

the parrot's cage, which I had re-

moved ostensibly for Jane to clean,

"That wicked Cissle was the means

light; and for that I determined that

specific at my love for Rannie

only the young man from headquar-

He from knowing how strong I really

Mrs. Gael's words returned to

No wonder that in view of her own

and proclaim the lunacy of this wo-

man, who, with the cunning of mad-

ness, had concealed her condition

from aft the rest of the world even

Effic Meade had been swaying to

glee; but all at once she stopped and

"That, too, would have worked my

went into the drawing-room to talk

to that young upstart from the police

who was trying to discover my secret

Marling, my Rannie. That minute de-

clded her fate, but I was forced to

dissemble. I did not want her to die

to fade before my eyes as her mother

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upon the floor.

and hid the ashes in Gene's grate.

standing!





right: H. J. Eckenrode, S. C. Mitchell, Robert R. Prentis, J. A. C. Chandler, Lyon G. Tyler, General Jo Lane Stern. Second row, left to right: Rabbi E. N. Callsch, Arthur Kyle Davis, Dr. E. A. Alderman, James Branch Cabell, James S. Wilson. Bottom row, left to right: Harry St. George Tucker, Thomas Nelson Page, C. R. Kelly, Bishop D. J. O'Connell, H. R. McIlwaine, J. P.

tional Guard, tracing these organizations from their respective pegin-nings in Roanoke and Lynchburg is hoped that other cities through Camp Mills and St. Nazaire State will begin simila through all their experiences to St enlisting the aid of the Mihiel, the Meuse-Argonne and the

Captain Jo

one pages of the History of the 319th Infantry from its organization in

days will bring in hundreds has thirty pages of narrative history Opic, of Staunton. This contribution The central office and forty pages of statistics, orders

> an effective plan of treatment. Commission." This paper was prepared by request of the executive lines of his address before the commission on this subject. In addition to this unique contribution, Colonel

Cutchins is now preparing for the commission the History of the 29th Colonel Jennings C. Wise, in his to the State archives may be named gives a twenty-dvc-page sketch or Ridge Division in a style marked by vigor and conciseness. He traces

each military operation with a care that lends authority to his narrative and gives a striking summary of the three Meuse-Argonne activities of the division.
Among the original manuscripts of camp histories prepared for the commission, the most complete is that of

Camp Lee, contributed in twenty sections under the direction of General Adelbert Cronkhite and of General Omar Bundy.

orwarded by Colonel R. W. Putnam, remarkable for its interesting narratives and admirable illustrations and maps. war publications by Virginia

authors, the volume of "Experiences of the Great War," by Colonel Ashby Williams, of Roanoke deserves first mention for its human interest, its sincerity of style and its general ex-

Two citizens of Richmond, Herbert T. Ezekiel and Gaston Lichtenstein. have made a valuable contribution in their "World War Section of the History of the Jews in Richmond."

versity of Virginia and on another entitled, "The Final Rogter," conhe tells of his frotten shooting on taining a Red Corss sketch as well as the eleeve, with all the details of a roster of the Nattoway soldiers.

Even a random selection from the strong in the first and third secand combat flights that show the sies of the commission would dis-fight life of a fighter in the most ro-close other material of similar value

War History Commission Makes Appeal for Old Dominion Records

A REPORT AND AN APPEAL.

The call to service comes to every patriotic Virginian. Shall not Virginia have a full record of her noble part is

Only through this commission may justice be done to the Virginiana that worked and dared and achieved, Let no county or city of Virginia have to face Wordsworth's taunt

master spirit, no determined road; But equally a want of books and men

All the Facts about Virginia in the World War

The Thoughts, Words and Deeds of Virginians in War-Ting The Narrative of All Military and Civilian Activities Full Histories of Virginia Military Organizations The Economic and Social Reactions of Groups and Communities The Honor Roll of Virginians of Distinguished Service Every Scrap of information for Virginia's War Archives

other sections is quite as good.

Norfolk County has 234 militar:

records, and is among the best in its

Prince George County sends good

Princers Aune County sends one of

the best reports on Economic Condi-

One of the shortest records in the

pamphlet is, perhaps, most worthy

State in the most important phase

Giles County is the banner county

sends a Red Cross History, and 472

yond its quota in the draft. It has

Page County has a special coilec-

The next issue of the War History

Supplement of the Virginia Maga-

zine of History and Biography will

be devoted to source material from

Virginia cities, Several striking

Norfolk has done a work of which the whole State should be proud.

Two hundred and fifty pieces of origi-

admirable form, and not one of them

negligible in local history, have come

of items will fill many pages of th

from the city by the sea. This list

only to Norfolk in the number of its

contributions and in its soldiers'

records. Its report covers only eigh

Its report on war work under Mrs

Newport News has a valuable out

line newspaper history and a good

These contribu-

and proper credit will be

nal source material, all of them

facts will appear in this pamphlet.

tion of eighty-seven clippings, large

set an example for the State.

tions, and also on war work

of history work.

ly soldiers' letters.

THE COMMISSION: Editors Preparing the Four-Volume War History

A Thousand Members and Contributors Collecting Material model in suggesting to contributors the pamphlet of "Source and Materi- under six sections, with 140 military

an effective plan of treatment.

Colonel John A. Cutchins conmany matters of general interest, and Madison, where the work in tributes a forty-five-page "Narrative Here the service records and citations, of Experiences With the Armistice the letters and verses of Virginia soldiers stand cheek by low! with the narratives and statistics of church narrative of the Red Cross, and of and school, of finance and war relief. can deny that all Virginia, militant reports of the churches, and a dozen and civilians, breathes from these letters of especial interest, modest county chronicles of war time.

The four countles that have made the most considerable contributions in the following order;

Fauquier County has, perhaps, covred the field most thoroughly, as the small countles, but this county chairman, Mrs. W. C. Marshall, has the distinction of leading the whole ent in material under all the sections requested, save two, and even schools and of the churches is, perof the State in soldiers' records. It haps, balanced by the sixty-four pages of newspaper clippings, including 150 editorials and 250 articles. military records, a number far be This will be most helpful to the editor of the section on Virginia com-

munities. Shenandoah County leads in th wo sections of Virginia churches. There are eight church reports and about eighty original letters written by soldiers from England, France

nd Germany. Buckingham County is perhaps cond only to Fauquier in the general results of its work, touching ight of the ten sections of local history. Here are fourteen church mestionnaires and 232 military records. There are a half dozen manuletters and some published letters, but the material is largely statistical, and is weak in the narra-

tive side. given in the pamphlet itself.
Richmond will probably be secon tate in the quality of its parrative Its nine letters show dis-Another contribution to the local work narratives seem to cover the history is the book of Mr. W. W. Cobb, field quite thoroughly. Some of the of the Nottoway County commission. rimination in selection, and its war

G. T. W. Kern is not surpassed in the State and the public school rethe sections, and reports are notably ports are especially good.

collection of letters.
Petersburg ranks with Norfolk in ontribution, under seven sections, insending good material under each of dozen church narrative and a the ten sections. tions are especially good under the A glance at the titles included in Goochland has done good work

minated for the civilian honor roll oodrow Wilson, Ex-Governor

de Callahan

From Norfolk City-Armistead Ma-Nearly every county and city is

Two counties Dinwiddle and Madison, have furnished the central of-

war-time verse-the only Portsmouth has sent in twelve

church narratives, a full report or he wark work of the schools, eight

dexandria contributes good re

From the State at large-Ex-Pres-Henry Carter Stuart, Governor West-

From Fauquier County-Judge ohn Barton Payne, Fairfax Harrison, Oscar Terry Crosby.

From Alexandria City-Miss Jes-

Virginia has sent military records of men who have received military honors, decorations and citations, but in only a few instances have these rec ords been accompanied by copies of citations and a written nomination tried to run away and when i Augusta County has sent in eight such nominations and the city of Norfolk seventy-eight, Petersburg, seven; Winchester, seven, and there tre a few cities and counties with ters was in the drawing-room, and I one or two nominations for the mill- remembered in time that I must not tary honor roll. The military record use strength. My seeming weakness should always be accompanied by was the most perfect evidence in my copies of the oxicial citation, and defense as long as I could keep peoeither a definite nomination for each man or, as in the case of Norfolk, all was." records of distinguished military man should be grouped and distinctly Odell again, and with them a commarked "For the Military Honor

It should be emphasized-and it cannot be emphasized too strongly -- while realizing and glorying in it. recommend to the War History Com- and fro in an ecstasy of triumphant branch's territory who, in the opinrendered "distinguished service," no Later, of will," she muttered, "When Cissie course, these nominations will be section, Dr. Thomas Nelson Page, and his associates; but the selection of I listened and heard her defame my those Virginians' hereafter to be commemorated as pre-eminently worthy of honor is a matter concarning which the local commission should feel great responsibility.

The nomination of Virginians of 'distinguished service" is thus one like. of the most imperative and important duties of commissioners throughout once more and found out about the the State; since it will be, if not eatirely, certainly in chief, from the nominees presented by the branches that will be selected those record as having proven-in that just-ended period of drastle trial record as having proven-in which I meant should be all his. whereunder so many have proven sections of Virginia camps, war worthy-to be the very worthlest.

UNSEEN HANDS

A Bewildering Detective Story -:- By Robert Orr Chipperfield

"But I commneced to fear this young police officer; not that he billty of it." Odell met freamed mine was the hand, but he had probed into my sister's death and her con's, and discovered the severed pleture-cables an the sawn stairs. This morning he took from Peters spilled it; and when later the doctor out me out of her room and took my

"I saved out enough arsenic for a death dose; and mixing the rest in a lowder I had saved I put in a fresh portion of broth intending to give it

he crazed woman to the huge cage in had at some past moment of gloating killed him for whom I had planned

> the others still live. Rannie, Rannie, will still be richer than all; and I only a have made you so!"

filled his shaking voice. "If you were not mad I could kill you as you sit me a greater injury than when I was

you the power to triumph over them.

the staring eyes for a fleeting mo

the detective retreated a step as the and pressed his head against her caped by a miracle. Nobod w thought

"She is dead," he announced. "That all that it was I myself who had arfailed. It was a merciful

Dr. Adams turned to Blake and Shaw.

"Still, I cannot understand, serleast until Gene and one or two morgeant, how you first discovered the

Richard Thorne was the speaker as

and the detective were seated in his would fall downstairs and break their necks in the morning before they "The point which puzzles me is That wish why I did not discover it at once." Odell repiled frankly.

mind, and I got my lovely, bright of the saw and file in so obvious a to suspect the person who had as "I never forgot a single detail; obviously suggested that your stepson sit beneath that loosened por gathered up every speck of sawdust trait, no matter how unlikely such and took it to my room; and the next supposition would seem. morning I burned it in the tray of

incubator in which Rannie kent his bacteria and to the medical books of which he had a store, and she had talk on the subject; she had been with her finger with the infected needle. family who was constantly at her bedside, with unlimited opportunity to reinfect her until she died. She as well as another might have slipped up to her oldest nephew's room his throat with the razor. The thing which kept me more than anything else from suspecting was the suptaken place, and only a powerful per-son could have overcome Mr. Chalmers' strength; for I had been told that he was a trained athlete in spite of the temporary nervous con-dition which had pulled him down.

"Only a phenomenally strong person, too, could have pried that pic-ture from the wall and filed away the supporting wires, to say nothing of wielding a saw heavy enough to cut the long, sweeping strokes which I noticed in the top step of the stairs." "I recall now," Titheredge remark-

ed, "that you asked me when we examined the stairs together if I observed anything else, and when I replied in the negative you said nothing more. What did you mean?" "The almost entire absence of saw-

dust." Odell responded. "I traced it afterward and, learned how it had been disposed of. Another thing which led me off the track was the gruffness of the voice which spoke to Kenny, the carpenter, over Miss Meade's was low and clear and softly feminine until she gave that cry outside Rannie's door when she thought he was about to swallow the poisoned broth."

"But how did you first come to susbe obtained. I told the clerk in the pect her?" Gene asked.

drugstore that I wanted it to kill "I did not, until a few hours before rats; and so I did! The rats who I tried that little experiment; but I stood between my boy and the wealth had already decided that a crazed which I meant should be all his.

"I began to give the arsenic to her ders and attempted murders. Some the very next day, but it was not un- one whom I may not name had hinted til Saturday that she showed the first to me that a member of the house-

was unquestionably insane, an n dittle talk which I had with Mr suringly. "Down at Peters had told un death, who passed up the stairs t lieved to be a ghost it carried and heard it say

"But what was it that hap

"With Rannie's help

person ahead was always just beyon

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mindful of the debt that I and

flicted, unfortunate member of your "The finding performed the dreadful, self-appoint-THE END.

PROVES ABILITY TO GO **UPON SPIRIT EXCURSIONS**

(Continued From First Page.) aw it. I then knew that I really

"Another time I was sitting alone in a strange place. I shut my eyes-I was at the top of some stairs. In front of me was a table with some boxes and jugs on it; it was a long wide table! A most unusual-looking place! I took up the jugs and boxes and banged them about-why, I do not know-and made such a noise

doing this that I lost my concentra-tion and found myself at home again! The next day I was asked to tea at the Cottage Hospital of the place. The hext only I was asked to tea at the Cottage Hospital of the place. I had never been there, and it took, me some time to find it. During tea the matron and a nurse, who had tea with us, told me that they thought the place was haunted, as they had heard such sounds on the landing the day before, but could see no one when they went up to it! After tea they showed me around the hospital, and what was my surprise to find myself again standing in front of the long table, where the two strange parallel passages ran along! "Here, said the matron. Is the haunted part, for it was here yesterday that we heard the noises as if some one was banging these things about!"

day that we heard the noises as if some one was banging these things about!

"She then mentioned the time, and it was the very time I had found myself standing there and had made such a noise with the jugs and glasses!

"On another occasion I tried to find in spirit an artist friend I had not seen for some time, and of whose whereabouts I was ignorant. I shut myself up in my room and took great spirit flights in the form of huge circles, which I narrowed and narrowed until I found her! I saw her vividly in a flash. She was sitting near a marsh painting. I took down the date and hour. Some few weeks later I came across her, but I left it to her to say if she had seen me.

"I have had an extraordinay experience that will interest you. It was on Wednesday, the — day of — at 3:30 in the afternoon. I was painting in the — marshes, and what do you think happened. Suddenly a very big, white bird flew over my head and vanished into the marsh in front of me. It came from nowhere and went nowhere apparently. Can you explain it? I don't know what sort of a bird it was, as it was one I had never seen before."

"The date and hour this happened were the date and hour I had seen her sitting painting there."

CHICAGO, March 19.—Bert Lester Taylor, well known humorist and conductor of a column in the Chicago Tribune, "A Line O' Type or Two," died of pneumonia at his home here early today, after an illness of two wasks.